



# The Banner

Central Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club  
Volume XCV – June 2022

## Next Meeting – Thursday, June 16, 2022

Maggiano's Little Italy, 205 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia, PA

Networking: 6-6:30 pm ♦ Dinner: 6:30 pm ♦ Cost: \$30.00

**Central  
Montgomery  
County  
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### President's Message:

Columbine High School, April 1999 – 13 dead

**Assault rifle ban expires, 2004**

Red Lake High School, March 2005 – 9 dead

West Nickel Mines Amish School, October 2006 – 5 dead

Virginia Tech, April 2007 – 32 dead

Northern Illinois University, February 2008 – 5 dead

Oikos University, April 2012 – 7 dead

Sandy Hook Elementary School, December 2012 – 27 dead

University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2014 – 6 dead

Marysville-Pilchuck High School, October 2014 – 4 dead

Umpqua Community College, October 2015 – 9 dead

Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, February 2018 – 17 dead

Santa Fe High School, May 2018 – 10 dead

Oxford High School, November 2021 – 4 dead

Robb Elementary School, May 2022 – 21 dead

Dear Members,

Once again we sat in front of our TV's and watched in horror as the news reported yet another act of senseless violence. Just the week before, it was a grocery store in Buffalo, NY and yesterday, it was a medical center in Tulsa, OK. The list above doesn't even include the businesses, churches, concerts, or movie theaters where innocent people were gunned down going about their daily lives. **Nowhere is safe.**

Everytown For Gun Safety defines a mass shooting as any incident in which four or more people are shot and killed, including the shooter. By this definition, the United States experiences an average of 19 mass shootings every year, ranging from 15 mass shootings in 2010 and in 2014, to a high of 24 mass shootings in both 2011 and 2013. However, there exists no consensus on the definition of a mass shooting. Counts under other definitions range from a dozen per year to nearly one mass shooting every day depending on factors such as casualty thresholds or whether the mass shooting was public or not. By any count, the number of mass shootings that plague this country is far too high and the counts are just a small fraction of the lives left forever changed after the tragedy of a mass shooting. (Everytown For Gun Safety)



Offering thoughts and prayers is just not working – **we need to do something!** And by “do something”, I’m not talking about taking away all guns. The majority of gun owners are responsible and handle their weapons safely. Universal background checks, closing gun show loopholes, and reinstating the ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines would be a good place to start. When states have toughened their gun laws, it has made a difference. For example, in Massachusetts, which has one of the lowest gun death rates in America, you must take a four-hour gun safety course, get character references from two people, and have a one-on-one interview with a police officer to buy a gun.

Firearms are the #1 leading cause of death for American children and teens. If we don’t do something now, how long will it be before there’s another school shooting? Where will it be next time? Vernfield Elementary School (my niece Ellie’s school)? Montgomery Elementary? Norristown High School?



Before starting his show last Tuesday, Jimmy Kimmel addressed the issue, "This is not a time for moments of silence, this is a time to be loud and to stay loud, and not stop until we fix this. Some people say this is a mental health problem. Others say it's a gun problem. It is both, and it can be both. So let's work on both of those."

Kimmel noted that all Americans care about protecting children and keeping guns out of the hands of those who intend to do harm with them and he ended by saying, "There have been 27 school shootings so far this year in this country, and it’s May. How does this make sense to anyone? These are our children."

British Columnist, Dan Hodges said, “In retrospect, Sandy Hook marked the end of the U.S. gun control debate. Once America decided killing children was bearable, it was over.” Is the debate over? I hope not. Look at the sweet faces of the children killed at Robb Elementary School

in the picture above. Think of your own children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces and ask, is this the country you want them to live in? No child should ever be afraid to go to school. No child should ever have to wipe the blood of their classmate on themselves and pretend to be dead to survive a school shooting

Four actions you can take now to help end the gun violence crisis:

1. Tell your senators and representatives to take bold action on gun safety.
2. Join Moms Demand Action, Everytown for Gun Safety, Sandy Hook Promise, CeaseFirePA, or the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.
3. Join an upcoming volunteer event in your community.
4. Sign up to make phone calls with the Gun Sense Action Network.

Please contact at least one of the following groups to donate, find how to take action, volunteer, and **DO SOMETHING!**:

- Moms Demand Action – [momsdemandaction.org](http://momsdemandaction.org)
- Everytown for Gun Safety – [everytown.org](http://everytown.org)
- Sandy Hook Promise – [sandyhookpromise.org](http://sandyhookpromise.org)
- CeaseFirePA – [CeaseFirePA.org](http://CeaseFirePA.org)
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence – [bradyunited.org](http://bradyunited.org)
- Gun Sense Action Network – [gunsensevoter.org](http://gunsensevoter.org)

Thank you and hug your kids!

Ginny

## New Monument Planned to Honor Women



Did you know you're more likely to see a mermaid than a congresswoman memorialized in American monuments in the United States?

Up against the centuries-old obsession with white military men in the American monument landscape, women in Lexington, Mass. – ground zero of American military history – are leading the charge to create a monument to women in the town's history.

"To address this misrepresentation in Lexington, a dedicated group of volunteers formed the LexSeeHer monument project, in order to commemorate women who have made significant economic, political, intellectual, social and cultural contributions in the 'Birthplace of American Liberty'—starting from the early years of the town's

incorporation in 1713 through to the present.

"The monument features over 20 women of different ages, races, professions and other lenses of identity, and spins a more inclusive narrative of Lexington's history by making women's contributions to their community and country visible," said Jessie Steigerwald, president of LexSeeHer.

"Designed by Meredith Bergmann, the monument portrays these women in bas relief around an empty central space so visitors can stand among these important women to take their place in the sweep of history. Organizers envision a website where people can share photos of themselves."



## Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday CMC!!!

Many thanks to all the members and friends who helped make our big celebration a success.



## May Dinner Menu

### First Course

Crispy Zucchini Fritte  
Stuffed Mushrooms  
Maggiano's Salad

### Second Course

Baked Ziti & Sausage  
Mom's Meat Lasagna  
Salmon, Lemon & Herb

### Desserts

Tiramisu  
Chocolate Truffles

## State Theme:



## District Theme:

Just Be

## CMC Theme:

With the right words,  
you can change the world.

## June Program

A graphic for the June meeting. It features the CMC logo (a blue circle with 'CMC' inside) and a white stork carrying a bundle wrapped in a pink ribbon. Below the stork is a quote: "A new baby is like the beginning of all things—hope, a dream of possibilities." attributed to "EDA LESHAN". The main text reads: "JOIN US FOR OUR JUNE MEETING WITH SPEAKER CHRIS FUCCI-BERKOWITZ OF THE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP & CRIBS 4 KIDS MONTGOMERY COUNTY". At the bottom, it says: "THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 6 PM, AT MAGGIANO'S KOP - \$30 RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 13 TO CMCBPW@GMAIL.COM".

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The mission of Cribs for Kids® is to prevent infant sleep-related deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies and by providing portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep. CMC member Chris Fucci-Berkowitz will bring a crib and will share the status of the program as well as some of their recipients.

Our June meeting will include a report from State Convention and all the awards (fingers crossed) CMC will bring home. We will also install our Officers for 2022-2023. It will be a great way to end our BPW year.

## The Justice Bell comes to Upper Dublin!



The Justice Bell replica is heading to the Upper Dublin Public Library in Fort Washington, PA on June 4<sup>th</sup> where it will be exhibited until the spring of 2023. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Owens will be at the library for a "big event" with the Justice Bell replica. There will be more information soon about programming with the Upper Dublin Public Library and the Wissahickon Valley Public Library. Follow the Justice Bell Foundation on Facebook or [www.justicebell.org](http://www.justicebell.org) and sign up for their newsletter.

## **Standing and Special Committee Reports**

In order to conduct our Zoom and dinner meetings in a timely manner, President Ginny will be asking all committee chairs to submit a brief report to be included monthly in *The Banner*. Whether you have some news to share or would just like to give our members (especially our new members) a brief overview of your committee, all reports are welcome.

### **Eleanor Knoke – Nancy Werner**

We are getting to the end of the year for volunteer hours. From last July 1, 2021 to this June 30, 2022, I need to know what you have done for volunteer hours in our communities and in our BPW organization. Please complete the sheet and forward to me. If you have ANY questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you. AND a big thank you to those of you who have already sent me your totals to date.

### **Medicine Vials – Nancy Werner**

A second shipment is being collected. Please bring to the June meeting or drop off at Noreen Morello's office on Fornance Street, Norristown. Thank you.

### **CMC Key Editor – Nancy Werner**

Our next **KEY** due date will be July 1. Our highlight news of April, May and June will be our next feature. I will make sure to share about the induction of our 6 new members.

### **PA BPW Foundation – Nancy Werner**

Three Scholarship Recipients will be announced at the State Convention. Thank you making this possible with your donations.

### **Public Relations – Becky Shoulberg**

Thank you for your generosity throughout this last year. Our Bingo in December raised \$4,000 for scholarships at MCCC, Norristown State Hospital, Mary Walker House for women veterans, Laurel House, Patrician Society Foodbank and this month's speaker, our own Chris from Cribs for Kids. Whether we Zoomed or met at Maggiano's, we also had monthly raffles to benefit our speaker's nonprofits. Don't forget our awesome donation to our state project GOTR. We are women helping women!

### **Membership – Becky Shoulberg**



5 new members installed by our Noreen at our Charleston themed 95th birthday in May. Welcome Ann, Mercedes, Sayi, Marrion and Joan!



### **Ways and Means – Becky Shoulberg**

CMC continues to be visible in our community and we give alot of credit to our Chamber of Commerce membership and attending their events. We also love supporting events our BPW sisters invite us to BUT the easiest way to promote us is tell and friend and bring 'em to a meeting.

## Happy Birthday to our Members!



## Dates to Remember

**June 9-12** – BPW/PA State Convention,  
Wyndham Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA

**June 16** – CMC's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**June 19** – Father's Day

**June 21** – First Day of Summer



### June Birthdays

June 1 – Amanda Mortimer

June 10 – Sally Shaw

June 24 – Vanessa Perez

### July Birthdays

July 10 – Linda Bean

July 10 – Lorri Darbes

June 17 – Tracy Marable

July 22 – Deb MacDonald

June 31 – Chris Berkowitz

### August Birthdays

August 4 – Kourtney Walter

August 9 – Alexis Werner

August 18 – Marlys Martin

August 24 – Cheryl Austin

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Becky Shoulberg and Linda Bean  
at her Kelly Ann Dolan Golf Fundraiser



### Important Websites:

- Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women's Clubs – [www.bpwpa.org](http://www.bpwpa.org)
- Central Montgomery County BPW – [www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org](http://www.centralmontgomerycountybpw.org)
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce – [www.montgomerycountychamber.org](http://www.montgomerycountychamber.org)
- The Patch – [patch.com/Pennsylvania/Norristown](http://patch.com/Pennsylvania/Norristown)
- Girls on the Run - GOTR Southeastern Suburban PA ([gotrpa.org](http://gotrpa.org))
- Shop With Scrip – <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>